श्री शिवराज वी॰ पाटिल: यह कहीं भी हो, यू॰पी॰ में हो या उड़ीसा में हो या छत्तीसगढ़ में हो, हमारा उससे कोई पॉलिटिकल गेन करने का उद्धेश्य नहीं है। कल छत्तीसगढ़ में माइन्स ब्लास्ट में लोग मारे गये, उसको हम उठा रहे हैं, लेकिन पॉलिटिकली नहीं उठा रहे हैं। वह नेशनल इश्यु है, सेक्युरिटी का इश्यु है। ...(व्यवधान)...

डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी: वह तो जहां कहीं भी है, उसमें हम सरकार का साथ देंगे। सारे के सारे उग्रवाद को समाप्त करने के लिए हमारी पार्टी की तरफ से सरकार को सहयोग होगा।

श्री शिवराज वी॰ पाटिल: आप कह रहे हैं, डेफिनेटली।

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN 2ND AND 10TH REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDINGCOMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह): महोदय, मैं विभाग संबंधित ग्रामीण विकास संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति के दूसरे और दसवें प्रतिवेदनों में अंतर्विष्ट सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति के संबंध में वक्तव्य सदन के पटल पर रखता हूं।

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION—Contd.

DEATHS OF LABOURS FROM CUDDAPAH DISTRICT OF ANDHRA PRADESH IN A FIRE ACCIDENT IN KUWAIT

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I wish to draw the attention of the Government to a fire accident which took place at Kaitain in Kuwait. As per the Press reports, 11 persons died and all of them are from my native place, from Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh. They went there for some labour work. They are the sole breadwinners of their families. Unfortunately, they died in a fire accident. Till now their mortal remains have not been brought to their places and their relatives

are crying like anything. I request the Government to immediately initiate some measures so that their bodies could be brought and handed over to their relatives. Sufficient compensation should also be paid to their families. That should be ensured by the Government. I draw the attention of the Government to this incident.

Sir, I wrote a letter to the hon. Minister of External Affairs on 15th May.

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय मे राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश पचौरी) : सम्मानित उपसभापति महोदय, आदरणीय सदस्य ने जिस हृदय विदारक घटना का उल्लेख किया है, वह निश्चित रूप से हम सब के लिए बड़ी चिंतनीय है और इस विषय में संबंधित मंत्री जी से बात करके, जो भी समुचित उपाय उठाये जा सकेंगे, वह हम उठाने की पूरी कोशिश करेंगे।

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Poor Quality of Life in Indian Cities

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA (Maharashtra): Sir, thank you very much for allowing me to make a Special Mention on the need for saving our cities.

Sir, the recent World Bank study has revealed that poor quality of life in Indian cities causes about 30,000 premature deaths, 17 million hospital admissions are due to respiratory problems and three cities, namely, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata, account for 44 per cent of these deaths. These unhealthy conditions cause an annual loss of 30.5 million "disability adjusted life years" which is equivalent to Rs. 36,000 crores. This calls for appreciating this gigantic task and urgently enforcing strict urban discipline, making implementation machinery effective and locating new financial, technical and managerial resources.

The sewerage system covers 35 per cent of the population of Class IV cities and 75 per cent of Class I cities. About 34 per cent of the people in urban areas do not have any arrangement for drainage of rainwater and about 60 per cent of municipal bodies collect less than 40 per cent of the solid waste generated daily. At least 28 per cent of the urban waste is allowed to decompose and putrefy, thereby choking drains and thus becoming breeding grounds for pests, flies, mosquitoes and cockroaches.